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DuBois Park Playground Temporary Closure

The Dubois Park playground area will be temporarily closed beginning March 14th for one week. The closure is to allow for installation of synthetic turf. The closure is subject to change, depending on weather conditions.

Bluffton-based Churchich Recreation and Design, a playground equipment supplier, will remove the existing mulch and install the approximately 4,500 square-feet of synthetic turf. The turf will be installed only in the playground area. The synthetic turf, Shawgrass, looks and feels like real grass however, it has a porous foam base system which provides a softer impact, increases efficient drainage and is able to withstand wear and tear. In addition, the turf is 100% non-toxic and lead-free.

Replacing the mulch with synthetic turf will provide a cleaner material for children and will reduce Town maintenance costs.

In addition, the infill material within the synthetic turf is called HydroChill. This coated sand provides a cooling system which reduces the surface temperature of the turf, especially during the summer.

A Park and Recreation Department Fund grant, administered through the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, is funding \$48,000 of the approximately \$63,400 project.